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AG Patricia Madrid Announces Sentence of Former Nursing Home LPN

(Santa Fe, NM)— Attorney General Patricia Madrid announced today that a former Licensed Practical Nurse, who was charged with abuse of a resident under her care, was sentenced to three years of probation. Rose Davis plead no contest to two counts of Abuse of a Resident that took place on December 26 and 27, 2002 at Manor Care Camino Vista Nursing Home in Albuquerque.

"Whether it's intentional or through gross negligence, I will aggressively seek justice in cases of elder abuse such as this," said Attorney General Patricia Madrid. "These are cases of gross dereliction of her duty as a caregiver that I will not tolerate."

Judge Ross Sanchez handed down a three-year prison sentence, but suspended it in favor of Davis' probation. Under the terms of the probationary sentence, Davis cannot appeal the suspension of her nursing license and cannot work with elderly persons in any capacity without prior approval by her probation officer. Davis will also be required to successfully complete an anger management course. Payment of monthly probation costs, Domestic Violence Fund fees and restitution to be determined by probation authorities will also be the responsibility of Davis as part of her sentence.